

SHARP®

VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER OPERATION MANUAL

Please read this operation manual carefully
before using the VCR.

MODEL
VC-A560U
VC-H960U
VC-H961U



(VC-H960U)

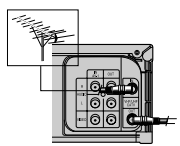
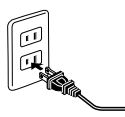
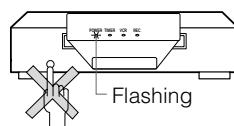
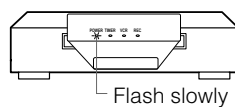


MID-DRIVE

VHS HQ HIGH QUALITY

[IMPORTANT]

EZ SET UP (AUTO CHANNEL /CLOCK SET UP)

 1 Connect Antenna/Cable to VCR first.	 2 Then, plug into AC Power Outlet.	 3 Do not press the POWER button until completion of EZ SET UP.	 4 EZ SET UP complete.
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This video cassette recorder (VCR) uses "ONLY" **VHS** cassette tapes, NTSC video signals and 120 V AC, 60 Hz (standard household current).

For future reference, record the model and serial number (located on the rear of the VCR) in the space provided.

Model No.: _____

Serial No.: _____

WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

CAUTION: TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.



CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



This symbol warns the user of uninsulated voltage within the unit that can cause dangerous electric shocks.



This symbol alerts the user that there are important operating and maintenance instructions in the literature accompanying this unit.

WARNING—Keep your VCR away from electrical and magnetic appliances which could impair performance. Be sure to position your VCR away from your TV or video monitor by at least 8".

WARNING OF DEW FORMATION

Whenever your VCR is moved from a cold to a warm environment, it is important that you plug the unit in, turn the power on and allow it to sit for about 2 hours before attempting to play a tape. This period will allow any dew formation to evaporate. Failure to do so may result in tape and/or video head damage.

After the 2 hour evaporation period, you may witness a "snowy" picture for the first few minutes of VCR operation. This picture noise will disappear shortly thereafter.

As an ENERGY STAR® Partner, SHARP has determined that this product meets the ENERGY STAR® guidelines for energy efficiency. ENERGY STAR is a U.S. registered mark.

WHAT IS ENERGY STAR®

TVs and VCRs use energy both when they are on and when they are off. North Americans spend more than \$1 billion a year of energy consumed by TVs and VCRs when they are not in use. The new ENERGY STAR® models will reduce that energy "leakage" by up to 75 percent. Ultimately, this will mean more than \$500 million a year in energy savings for consumers.

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By using ENERGY STAR® products, you will save money on your electric bills and use less energy. This not only makes good economic sense but also good for our environment.



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS AND PRECAUTIONS

CAUTION

PLEASE READ ALL OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU OPERATE YOUR THIS PRODUCT AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR LATER USE.

Electrical energy can perform many useful functions. This product has been engineered and manufactured to assure your personal safety. BUT IMPROPER USE CAN RESULT IN POTENTIAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARDS. In order not to defeat the safeguards incorporated in this product, observe the following basic rules for its installation, use and servicing.

1. Read Instructions

All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the product is operated.

2. Retain Instructions

The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.

3. Heed Warnings

All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.

4. Follow Instructions

All operating and use instructions should be followed.

5. Cleaning

Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.

6. Attachments

Do not use attachments not recommended by the product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.

7. Water and Moisture

Do not use this product near water—for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub; in a wet basement; or near a swimming pool; and the like.

8. Accessories

Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The product may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the product.

Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the product. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer.

9. Transportation

A product and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.



10. Ventilation

Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, and these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.

11. Power Sources

This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your product dealer or local power company. For products intended to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

12. Grounding or Polarization

This product is equipped with either a 2-wire polarized plug (one plug blade bigger than the other) or a 3-wire grounded plug (a third pin for grounding). The 2-wire polarized plug will fit only one way into the power outlet. The 3-wire grounded plug will fit only into a grounding-type power outlet.

If the plug does not fit, ask your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not modify the plug. To do so will void the safety feature.

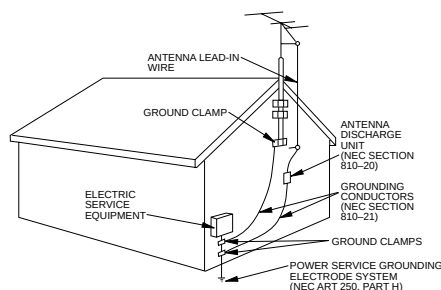
13. Power-Cord Protection

Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the product.

14. Outdoor Antenna Grounding

If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the product, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some product protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.

EXAMPLE OF ANTENNA GROUNDING
ACCORDING TO NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE



NEC—NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE



15. Lightning

For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.

16. Power Lines

An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.

17. Overloading

Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.

18. Object and Liquid Entry

Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.

19. Servicing

Do not attempt to service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

20. Damage Requiring Service

Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:

- When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.
- If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product.
- If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
- If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions, as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to normal operation.
- If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
- When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance, this indicates a need for service.

21. Replacement Parts

When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.

22. Safety Check

Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.

23. Heat

This product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

SERVICE

- Do not attempt to service this VCR yourself. Instead, unplug it and contact a qualified service technician. (See **LIMITED WARRANTY** at the end of this manual.)
- Be sure the service technician uses authorized replacement parts or their equivalents. Unauthorized parts may cause fire, electrical shock, or other hazards.
- Following any service or repair, be sure the service technician performs safety checks to certify that your VCR is in safe operating order.

OTHERS

- For Your Information: Your full understanding of the following is appreciated. Parliament by statute has decreed that it is illegal to make copies of copyrighted material of any manner or kind without the consent of the copyright owner, subject to the "Fair Dealing" exceptions in the Act penalties may be imposed on those guilty of making such copies.
- Normally, your VCR does not require head cleaning. However, the heads may become clogged when an old or damaged tape is used. If the playback picture becomes blurred, the heads may need cleaning. Head cleaning should be performed by a qualified technician. Contact the nearest Sharp Factory Service Centre or Authorized Service Station. Do not use a cleaning tape unless it is new and of high quality. Excessive use of cleaning tapes may also damage the heads.

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Features

Only for VC-H960U, VC-H961U

- **VHS Hi-Fi Stereo Sound**
- **Built-in MTS (Multi-channel TV Sound) Decoder** — Lets you record stereo or SAP (Separate Audio Programme) broadcasts.

Common Features

- **EZ Set Up** — VCR tuner channels and clock are automatically set for both Air and Cable channels.
- **S-VHS Quasi Playback**
Notes for S-VHS tape
 - Playback of S-VHS recorded tapes is possible.
 - Playback of S-VHS image quality is not available.
 - Picture noise or distortion may appear on the screen during playback in the SLOW or STILL mode.
 - S-VHS recording is not available. However, HQ recording is possible with S-VHS tape.
- **Double-Azimuth 4-Heads**
- **19 μ Clear Picture System (in EP mode)** — For enhanced picture quality in EP (Extended Play) mode.
- **HQ System for Better Resolution and Colour Reproduction**
- **Multi-Language (English/Spanish/French) OSD (On Screen Display) with Menu Screen Guidance** — On-screen setting and recording instructions.
- **181-channel PLL Quartz Synthesized Random Access Tuner with Automatic Channel Setting**
- **Quick Start with Full Loading Mechanism**
- **1-Year, 8-Event Programmable Timer**
- **Simple Recording Timer**
- **Unified Remote Control**

- **Sharp Super Picture** — Enhances picture quality during playback.
- **5 Seconds Timer Backup**
- **Field-Still/Variable Slow/Frame Advance**
- **Automatic Daylight Saving-Time (D.S.T.) Adjustment** — Automatically adjusts VCR clock to daylight saving-time.
- **Blue Screen Noise Elimination**
- **Auto Tracking Control System** — Automatically adjusts tracking during playback.
- **Digital Programme Search System (DPSS)** — Quickly locates the beginning of a specific recording.
- **Skip Search** — Quickly operates a forward video search in 30 seconds intervals, then resumes playback.
- **Instant Replay** — Quickly operates a reverse video search in 20 seconds intervals, then resumes playback.
- **Auto Zero Back** — Quickly finds "0:00.00" point and stops there.
- **Recorded Section Auto Repeat** — Continually playback a recorded section of the tape.
- **Full Automatic Playback**
- **Tamper Proof** — Prevents accidental change of the operation mode.
- **Up to 8 Hours of Recording and Playback (with T-160 cassette)**

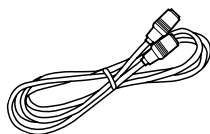
Only for VC-H961U

- **Built-in Front AV Jacks** — For easy connection of audio/video equipment such as the Sharp Viewcam.



Accessories

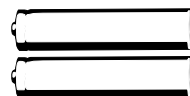
Be sure that the following accessories are all included with your VCR.



Round coaxial cable
(75 Ohm, 0.9 m [3-11/18 ft.])
QCNW-8533GEZZ
or
QCNW-8614AJZZ



Remote control unit
RRMCGA021WJSA

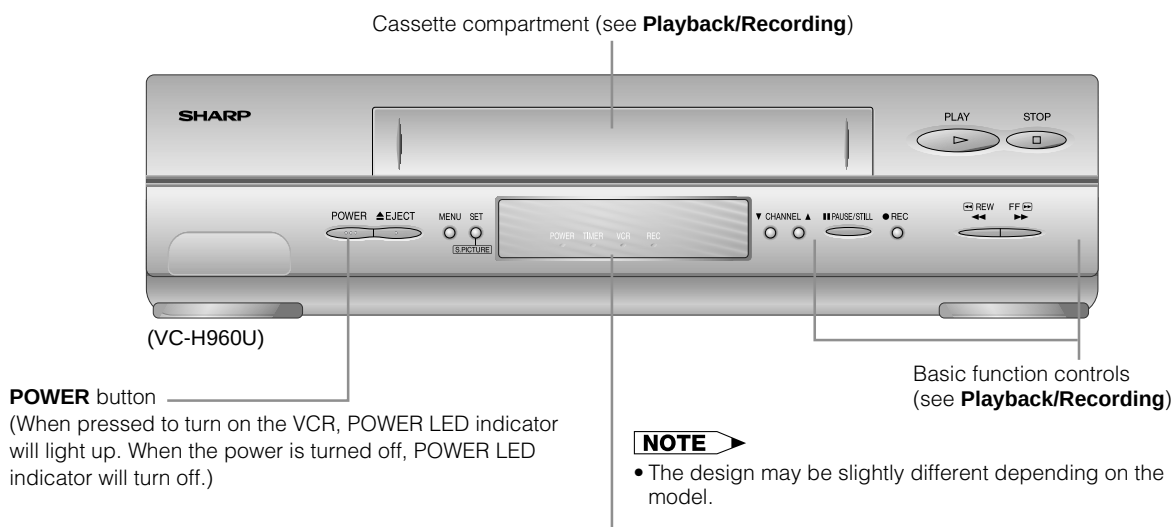


AA batteries for
the remote
control unit



Major Components of Your VCR

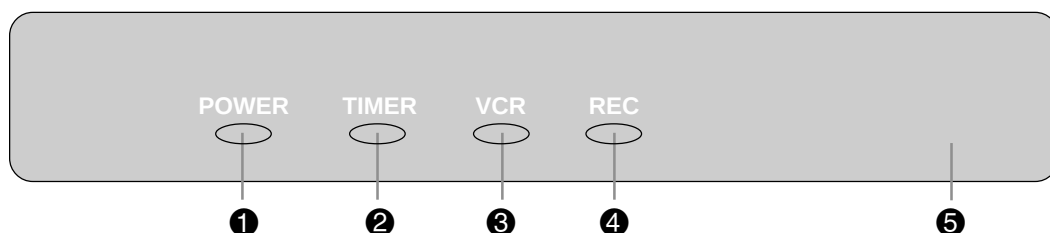
[Front]



POWER button

(When pressed to turn on the VCR, POWER LED indicator will light up. When the power is turned off, POWER LED indicator will turn off.)

LED Indicator (explained throughout the operation instruction)



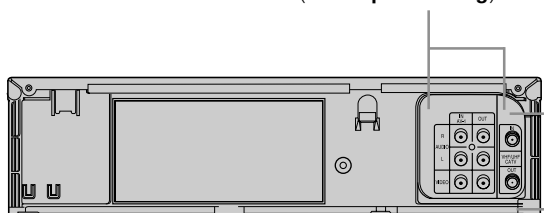
- 1** POWER LED indicator
This indicator lights up whenever the VCR is turned on.
- 2** TIMER LED indicator
This indicator lights up when the VCR is set for timer recording, Simple Recording Timer and Recording with the Timer.
- 3** VCR LED indicator
This indicator lights up when selecting "VCR" by using TV/VCR.
- 4** REC LED indicator
This indicator lights up during recording. This indicator flashes during REC-Pause.
- 5** Remote Sensor
Point Remote Control at this window.

[Rear]

(VC-H960U, VC-H961U)

Connection terminals (see **Connecting the VCR and Cable TV Connections**)

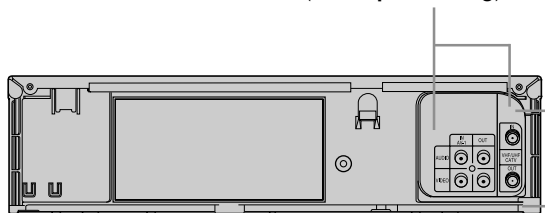
Connection terminals (see **Tape Dubbing**)



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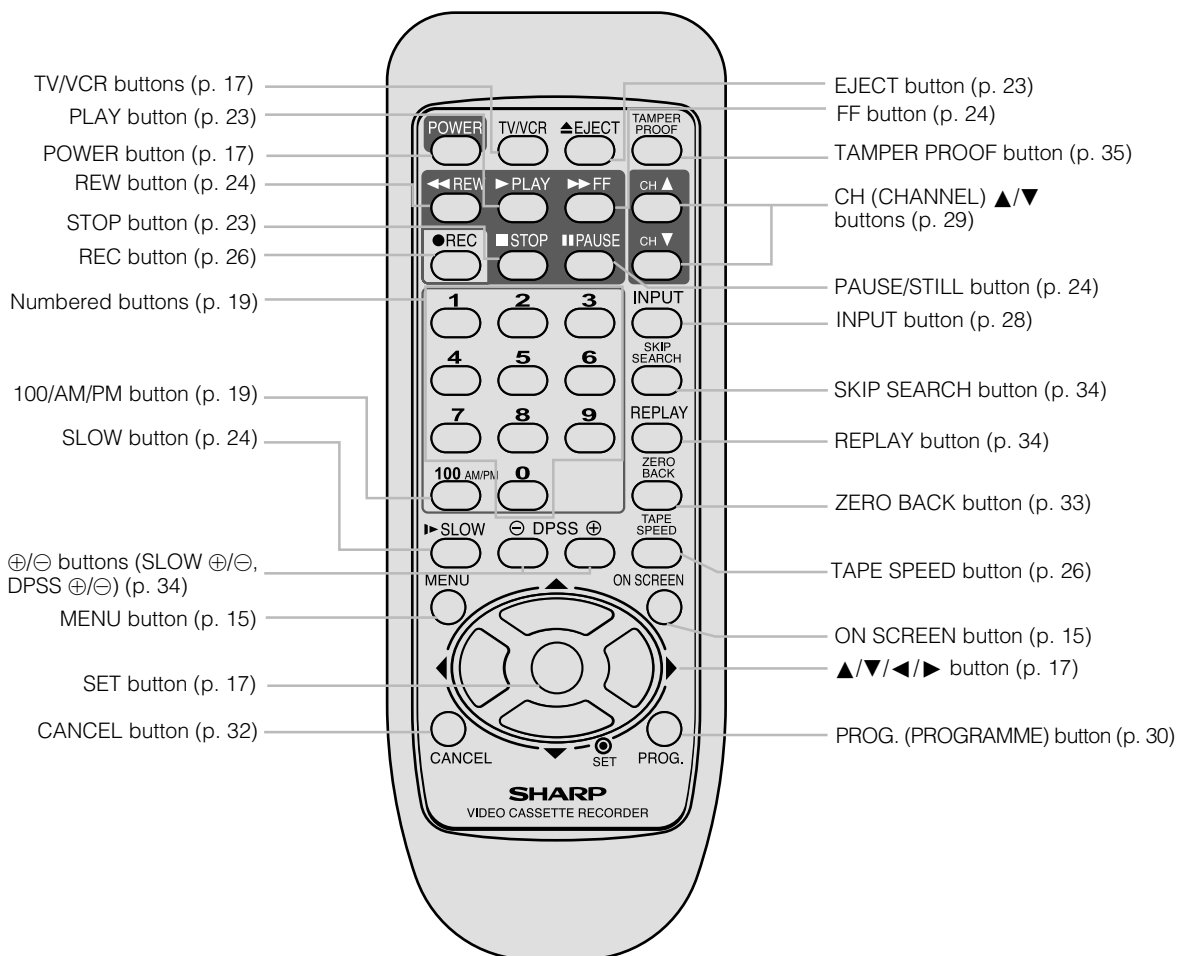
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Remote Control



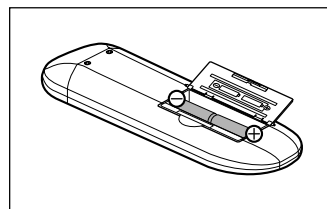
Inserting the Batteries

Make sure that the batteries have been properly installed first. Fit two batteries type "AA". If the remote control stops working, fit new batteries.

Ensure the batteries are fitted correctly, matching the polarities (⊕/⊖) indicated in the remote control.

NOTE

- Do not subject the remote control to shock, water or excessive humidity.
- The remote control may not function if the VCR sensor is in direct sunlight or any other strong light.
- Incorrect use of batteries may cause them to leak or burst. Read the battery warnings and use the batteries properly.
- Do not mix old and new batteries, or mix brands in use.
- Remove the batteries if the remote control will not be operated for an extended period of time.
- If the remote control does not function properly when new batteries are installed, remove the batteries and keep pressing any button for 10 seconds before re-installing them.





Connecting the VCR

The connection method differs depending on the type of TV.

If you have cable TV (CATV), see **Cable TV Connections**.

RF Connection (for connection to a TV without AV terminals)

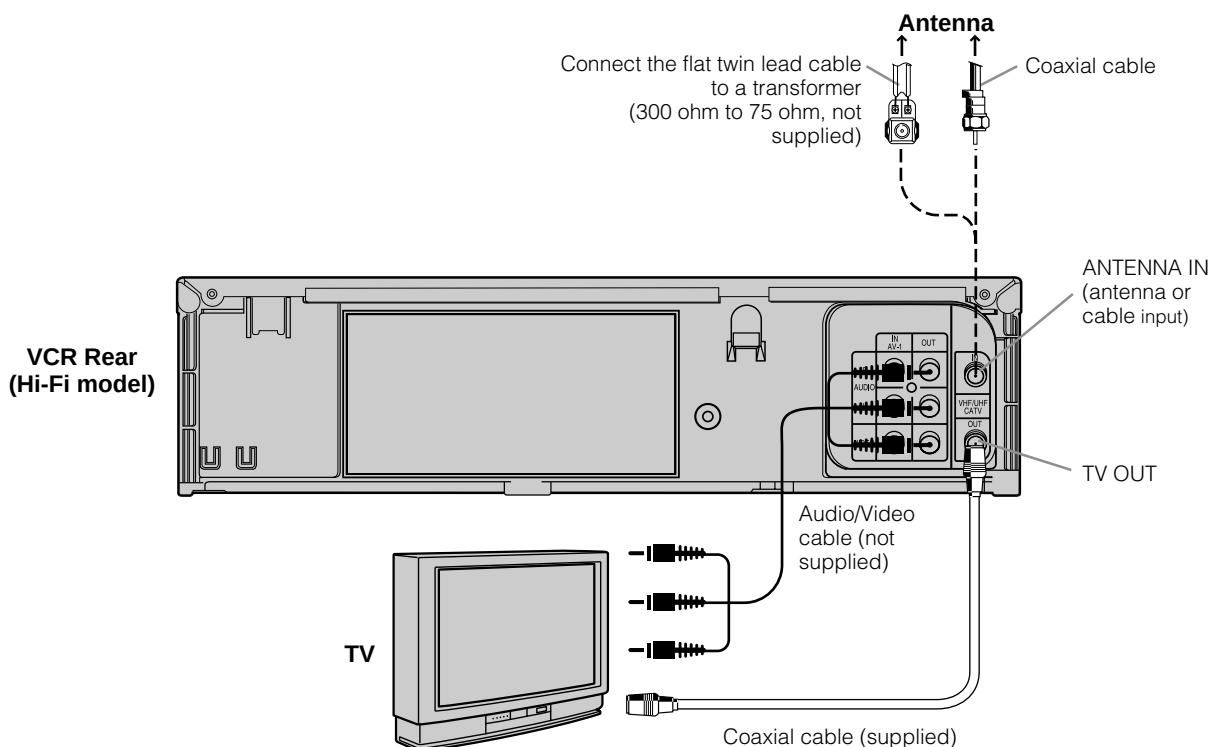
- ❶ Disconnect the TV antenna from the TV.
- ❷ Connect the TV antenna cable to the ANTENNA IN terminal on the rear of the VCR.
- ❸ Connect the TV OUT terminal on the rear of the VCR with the antenna terminal on the TV using a coaxial cable. Select the TV channel 3 or 4 corresponding to the 3 ↔ 4 output channel of the VCR. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel** on page 10.)

AV Connection (for connection to a TV with AV terminals)

- ❶ Disconnect the TV antenna from the TV.
- ❷ Connect the antenna, VCR, and TV using the Audio/Video cable and coaxial cable (supplied) as shown.
- ❸ Select the video input mode or A/V input mode on your TV. (See the **TV operation manual** for details.)

NOTE

- If your VCR is a monaural model, connect the audio cable to "AUDIO OUT" on the VCR.



After the Connection

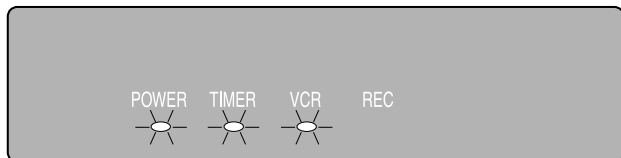
Plug in the power cord of the TV. Then go to **EZ Set Up**.



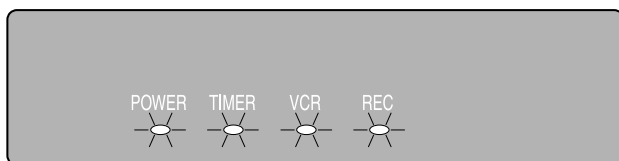
Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel

The **3 ↔ 4 Output Channel** lets you change the VCR OUTPUT to standard TV broadcasting signals. Both your TV and VCR must be set to the same channel (i.e TV on channel 3 and VCR OUTPUT channel on 3 too).

- ❶ Press **POWER** to turn the power off.
- ❷ Press **TV/VCR** and if



POWER, TIMER and VCR LED indicator lights up flashing.
The VCR Output Channel is 3.



POWER, TIMER, VCR and REC LED indicator lights up flashing.
The VCR Output Channel is 4.

- ❸ To change Output Channel from 3 to 4 (or 4 to 3). Press **TV/VCR** for 2 seconds until POWER, TIMER, VCR and REC LED indicator (or POWER, TIMER and VCR LED indicator) lights up flashing. (As above)
- ❹ Release **TV/VCR**, the Output Channel is set.

NOTE

- VCR Output Channel is automatically set during EZ Set Up.
 1. If Channel 3 (or 4) is an active broadcast channel in your area, the Channel 4 (or 3) will be set.
 2. If both channel are the active channel or none active channel, the VCR Output Channel will be set to Channel 3.
- Cancelled the EZ Set Up by pressing **POWER** during EZ Set Up before setting the Output Channel.



Cable TV Connections

Your VCR is capable of receiving the following non-scrambled channels.

- Scrambled channels can be received with the cable box supplied by your cable TV company.

PREPARATION >>>

Set the **3 ↔ 4 Output Channel of the VCR to 3 or 4**. See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel** on page 10.

First check your TV/CATV system

Step ① Is your TV cable compatible with the VCR?

- YES → Go to **Step ②**
- NO → Go to **Step ③**

Step ② Does your CATV system have some or all channels scrambled?

- YES → Go to **D**
- NO → Go to **A**

Step ③ Does your CATV system have some or all channels scrambled?

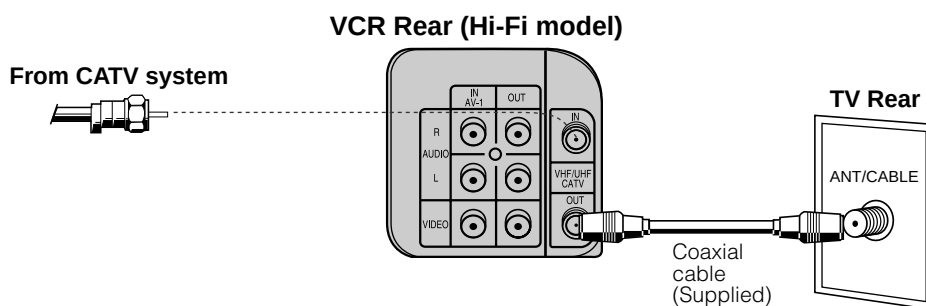
- YES → Go to **D**
- NO → Go to **Step ④**

Step ④ Choose the type below.

- Basic connection (only for descrambled CATV signals.) → Go to **B-1** or **2**
- To watch a CATV programme while recording a TV programme by using the A/B switch. → Go to **C**

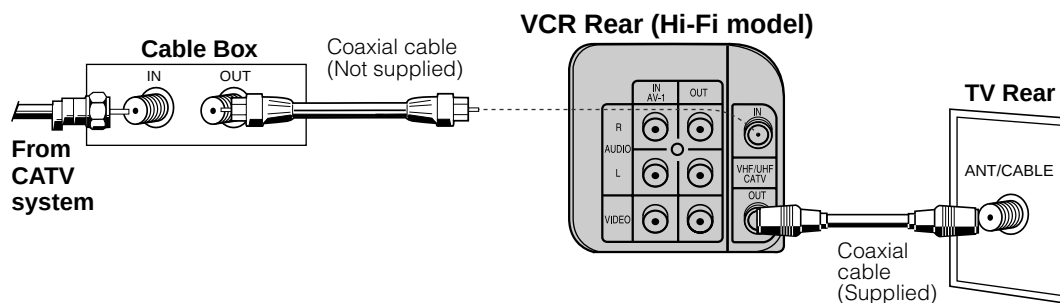
A Connection without a cable box

- Connect as shown. Then go to “After the Connection”.



**B Connection with cable box****1**

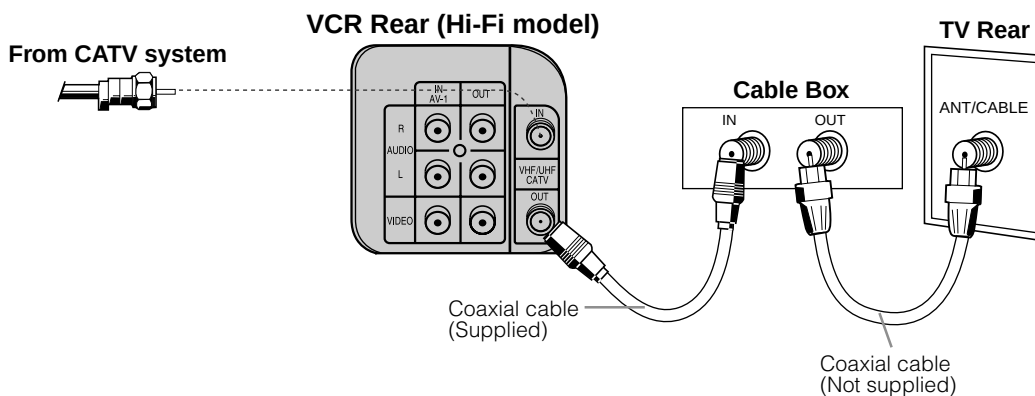
- Connect as shown. With this connection, it is possible to record descrambled CATV signals. Then go to **“After the Connection”**.

**NOTE**

- If the cable box is turned off, it will not output any signals, thus making it impossible to record or view a programme from the CATV system.
- In the case of the above connections, it is not possible to change channels using the VCR remote control. Only the cable box can be used to change channels.
- Only one channel at a time can be programmed for recording programmes with the timer. It is not possible to watch a TV programme different from the one being recorded.
- Depending on which terminals the TV has, a separate combiner (mixer) or separator (splitter) may be necessary.

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- Connect as shown. With this connection, it is not possible to record CATV programmes which have been scrambled, but is possible to record one channel and watch the other one. Then go to **“After the Connection”**.

**NOTE**

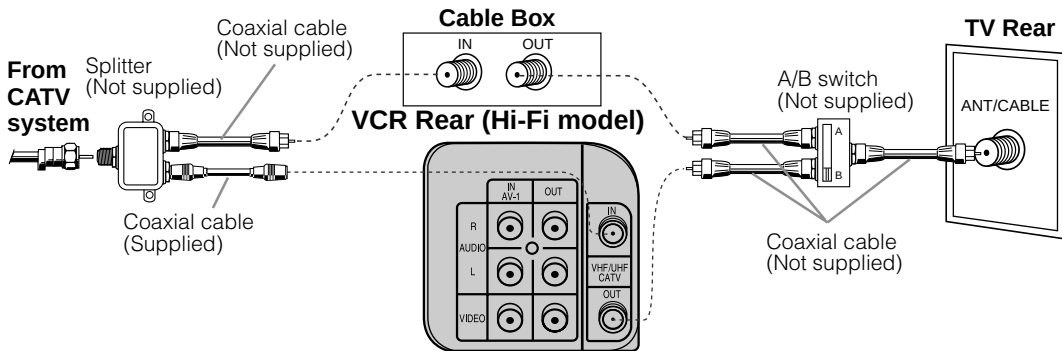
- With the above connection, ▲/▼ of the VCR or the numbered buttons on the remote control can be used to select channels.
- Depending on which terminals the TV has, a combiner (mixer) or separator (splitter) may be necessary.
- To record one channel and watch another, the VCR must be set to the TV mode.



C Connection with cable box, A/B switch and splitter

By using an A/B switch or splitter, it is possible to switch between the cable box and the VCR output. For example, while recording a TV programme with the VCR, it is possible to watch a CATV programme (including descrambled programmes) using the A/B switch.

- Connect as shown. Then go to **"After the Connection"**.



Using the A/B Switch

1. Set the A/B switch to the "A" position in the following situations.
 - ① To watch a cable TV programme while recording another programme.
 - ② To watch a scrambled cable TV programme.
 - ③ To watch a cable TV programme when the VCR is turned off.

NOTE

- Use the cable box to change channels.
- If you turn off the cable box, you cannot watch a CATV programme.

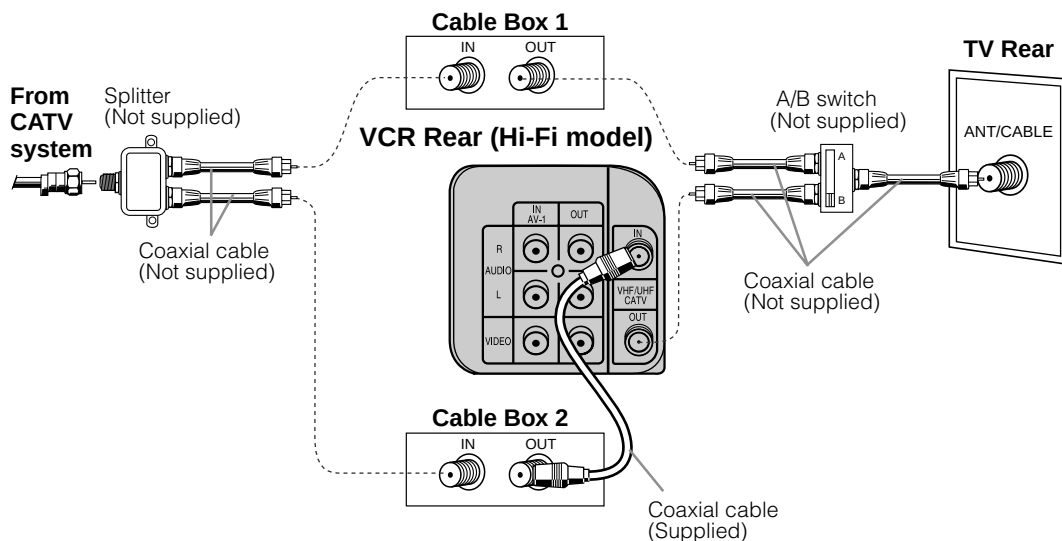
2. Set the A/B switch to the "B" position in the following situations.
 - ① To playback a cassette on the VCR.
 - ② To watch a programme which is being recorded with the VCR tuner.
 - ③ To watch a programme using the VCR tuner.



D Connection with two cable boxes, A/B switch and splitter

The following connection is necessary to record a cable TV programme (even those scrambled by a cable company) while watching another cable TV programme. The following connection requires two cable boxes, a 2-way splitter and an A/B switch.

- Connect as shown. Then go to “**After the Connection**”.



Using the A/B Switch

1. Set the A/B switch to the “A” position in the following situations.
 - ① To watch a cable TV programme while recording another programme.
 - ② To watch a cable TV programme when the VCR is turned off.
2. Set the A/B switch to the “B” position in the following situations.
 - ① To playback a cassette on the VCR.
 - ② To watch a programme being recorded, or to change (or watch) channels with the cable box 2. The output channel of the cable box 2 and the VCR must be the same.

NOTE

- If you turn off the cable box, you cannot record or view a CATV programme.
- If you have questions regarding any connection procedure, please contact your cable company or the nearest Sharp Authorized Service.

After the Connection

Plug in the power cords of the TV and cable box.

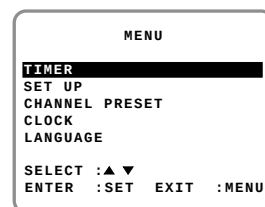
Then go to **EZ Set Up**.



Menu Screen

MENU screen is a home screen used to select various screen functions. A sub-menu will appear once you select an item from the menu.

- 1 Turn on the TV and select the video channel. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel** on page 10.)
- 2 Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select "VCR" (VCR LED indicator will light up).
- 3 Press **MENU** to display the MENU screen.



The following 5 items can be set by using the MENU screen.

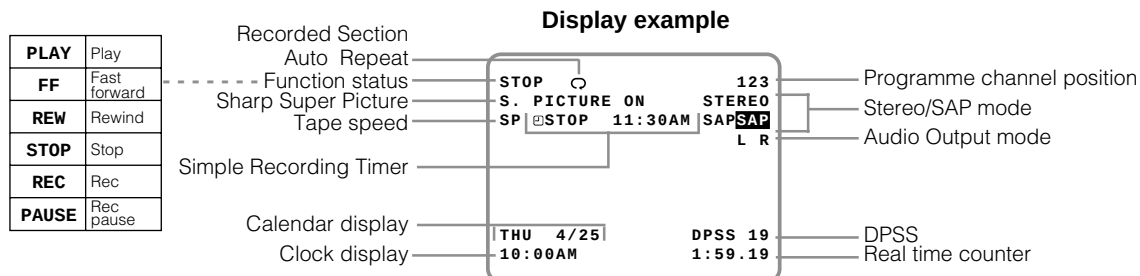
TIMER Setting a timer recording (and checking it). (See page 30.)
 SET UP VCR operating conditions are set according to the broadcast reception and tape playback conditions. (See page 22.)
 CHANNEL PRESET Setting the channels. (See page 20.)
 CLOCK Setting the present time. (See pages 17–19.)
 LANGUAGE Selection of language to be used for the MENU screen. (See page 17.)

- 4 Press **▲/▼** and then **SET**. The screen changes to the one which you have selected.
- 5 To cancel the MENU screen, press **MENU**.



OSD (On Screen Display)

To facilitate the operation and check the current VCR mode information, the following OSD (On Screen Display) will appear on the TV screen when using this VCR.



NOTE

- If the clock is not set, the time and date will not be displayed.
- Stereo/SAP and Audio Output modes are only for Hi-Fi model.

How to Display Indicators

Each time **ON SCREEN** is pressed, the screen changes as follows:



AUTO Display

When an operation button, numbered button, or **CH ▲/▼** is pressed, the current function status or the number of the channel will be displayed in the upper section of the TV screen for about 3 seconds.

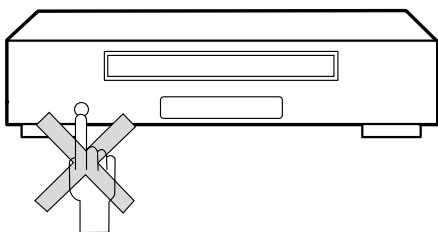


NOTE

- When the VCR power is turned off, the display mode is retained in memory.
- When you record a video signal output from this VCR on another VCR, press **ON SCREEN** to select Display Off. (If the function status is displayed on the screen, it is also recorded on the tape.)



EZ Set Up (With Auto Clock Setting)



IMPORTANT (Caution during EZ Set Up):

- Do not press the **POWER** button on the VCR or remote control.
- Do not insert a video cassette into the VCR.

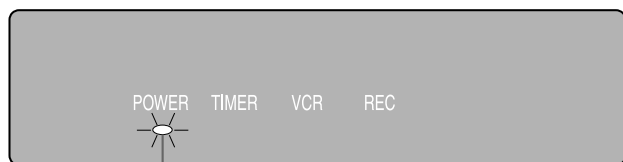
The EZ Set Up function automatically sets the tuner channels and clock when the antenna cable is connected to the rear of the VCR and the power plug is then connected to an AC outlet.

IMPORTANT:

When using a cable box:

- See **Cable TV Connections**.
- Leave **POWER** on the cable box turned on and select a channel that carries EDS signals.

During Auto Channel Setting and
Auto Clock Setting



Flashes quickly



EZ Set Up complete



Flashes slowly

PROCEDURE

- 1 Make sure that the antenna cable is connected. For connection configuration, refer to **Connecting the VCR**.
- 2 Connect the VCR power plug to an AC outlet.
- 3 The tuner channels and clock will automatically be set. The **POWER** LED indicator will flash quickly to indicate the setting.
 - This VCR can monitor and use time-signals (EDS signals), which are provided by some TV stations, to automatically adjust the VCR clock. This VCR automatically searches EDS signals, but if you are in a hurry to use timer recording or know the channel of the EDS signal carrier in your area, follow the procedure in **Auto Clock Setting** or **Manual Clock Setting**.
- 4 When the setting is completed, **POWER** LED indicator will flash slowly.

NOTE

- If power is supplied to the VCR before the cable is connected, EZ Set Up will not be able to preset the channels into memory. If this occurs unplug the VCR from the power source and wait a few minutes. Check the cable /antenna connection and supply power to the VCR. EZ Set Up will automatically begin again.
- If the power is turned on during EZ Set Up, the Auto Channel setting will be interrupted and the tuner channels will not be able to be preset.
- Auto Clock Setting may take several minutes.
- If the Auto Clock Setting is not completed within 30 minutes, there may be no channels with EDS signals. In this case, set the clock manually. (See **Manual Clock Setting**.)
- If the antenna signal is weak, the Auto Clock Setting function may not operate.
- During initial channel setting, the channels are set into the AIR channel setting. To watch a cable TV channel, select "CATV" on the CHANNEL PRESET screen. (See **Setting the Channels**.)

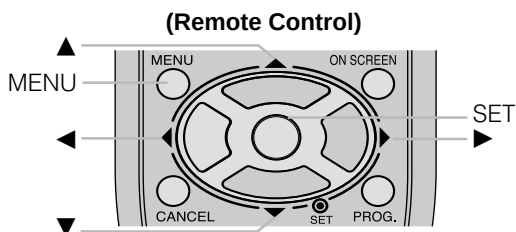


Setting the Language

When you use the VCR for the first time or the power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds (power failure, etc.), you should set the language to be used for the MENU screen.

PREPARATION ►►

- Turn on your TV and select the video channel.
(See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel.**)
- Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select "VCR". (VCR LED indicator will light up.)



	1 Press MENU . LANGUAGE screen will appear.
	2 Select the language with ▲/▼. <i>Ex.: ENGLISH</i> 3 Press SET to enter. To return to the normal screen, press MENU .

NOTE ►

- If you press **MENU** to exit the LANGUAGE screen in Step **3**, the data will not be stored.
- You can also use the ▲ (**CHANNEL ▲**), ▼ (**CHANNEL ▼**), ► (**FF ►►**), ◀ (**REW ◀◀**), **MENU** or **SET** on the VCR to set the On Screen Display (OSD).



Setting the Clock

Auto Clock Setting (If you DO know a channel that carries EDS signals)

PREPARATION ►►

- Make sure that the antenna cable is connected and connect the power cord.
- Turn on your TV and select the video channel. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel.**)
- Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select "VCR". (VCR LED indicator will light up.)

IMPORTANT:

When using a cable box:

- See **Cable TV Connections.**
- Leave POWER on the cable box turned on and select a channel that carries EDS signals.

	1 Press MENU . Select "CLOCK" with ▲/▼ and then press SET .
	2 Select "AUTO" with ▲/▼ and then press SET .
	3 Set EDS CH SET mode to "MANUAL" with ◀/▶ and then press ▼.



	④ Select a channel that carries EDS signals with ◀/▶. Ex.: 07 The number of channels that can be selected depends on the mode setting on the CHANNEL PRESET screen. See NOTE. When using a cable box: Input the output channel (02, 03 or 04) of the cable box.
	⑤ Press SET to enter. The screen returns to normal. Press POWER to turn off the VCR (VCR LED indicator will turn off and POWER LED indicator will turn off). The Auto Clock Setting function will automatically set the clock.

NOTE

- If the EDS CH SET mode is set to MANUAL mode in Step ③ and a channel that does not carry EDS signal is selected in Step ④, the Auto Clock Setting function will not operate.
- In Step ④, the number of channels that can be selected depends on the mode setting on the CHANNEL PRESET screen. See the table below.

AIR/CATV	Channels to be selected
AIR	02 ↔ 03 ↔ 04 68 ↔ 69 ↔ 02
CATV	01 ↔ 02 ↔ 03 124 ↔ 125 ↔ 01

- In Step ①, if you press **MENU** when operating the screen setting for the first time or after a power failure of more than 5 seconds, the LANGUAGE screen will appear.
- If you entered incorrect data during the setting procedure, re-enter the correct data in the following manner:
 - Use ◀/▶ to select the data to be corrected.
 - Set the correct data with ▲/▼.
 - After correcting the data in Step ②, press **SET** to enter.
- If you press **MENU** in Step ⑤, the data will not be stored.
- If a button is not pressed within 3 minutes during the setting procedure, the screen will return to the normal screen.

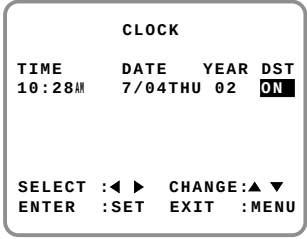
Manual Clock Setting

PREPARATION

- Turn on your TV and select the video channel. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel**.)
- Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select "VCR". (VCR LED indicator will light up.)

	① Press MENU. Select "CLOCK" with ▲/▼ and then press SET.
	② Select "MANUAL" with ▲/▼ and then press SET.



	③ Select "TIME" with ◀/▶ and set time by holding ▲/▼. Ex.: 10:28 AM Numbered buttons can be used instead of ▲/▼ to set time and date. Press AM/PM (100) to select AM or PM during time setting.
	④ Select and set "DATE", "YEAR" and "DST" in turn, in the same manner as in Step ③. • See Automatic Daylight Saving-Time (D.S.T.) Adjustment. Ex.: Jul. 4, 2002, DST: ON ⑤ If the data is correct, press SET to enter. The screen returns to normal.

NOTE

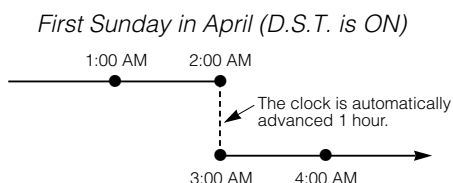
- In Step ①, if you press **MENU** when operating the screen setting for the first time or after the power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds, the LANGUAGE screen will appear.
- If you entered incorrect data during the setting procedure, re-enter the correct data in the following manner:
 - ① Use ◀/▶ to select the data to be corrected.
 - ② Set the correct data with ▲/▼.
 - ③ After correcting the data in Step ②, press **SET** to enter.
- If you press **MENU** to exit the CLOCK screen in Step ⑤, the data will not be stored.
- If a button is not pressed within 3 minutes during the setting procedure, the screen will return to the normal screen.

Automatic Daylight Saving-Time (D.S.T.) Adjustment

This VCR is equipped with an internal Automatic Daylight Saving-Time Adjustment function. In spring (first Sunday in April) and autumn (last Sunday in October), the time is adjusted as shown below. This function has been preset to ON at the factory. Set the D.S.T. mode in the clock setting screen.

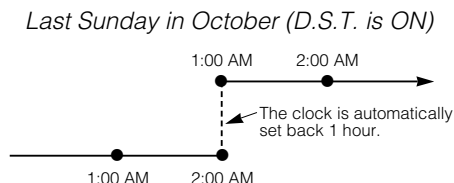
Spring

Programmed timer recording set within this time frame (2:00 AM to 3:00 AM) will not be carried out.



Autumn

Because there will be two time frames from 1:00 AM to 2:00 AM, timer programming set between these times will be influenced by the time change.

**NOTE**

- If the timer recording programme is affected by the D.S.T. time change, check your TV listing and find out when it reflects the time change. Some TV listings will indicate the time change in the same manner as is programmed in this VCR, but others do not show the time change until the next morning. In that case, when programming a timer, use the CLOCK screen to set the D.S.T. mode to OFF so the time change will not be carried out.



Setting the Channels

Your VCR can receive a maximum of 181 channels as shown below by presetting the channels into memory.
(VHF: 2 to 13, UHF: 14 to 69, CATV: 1 to 125)

PREPARATION >>>

- Make sure that the cable (antenna or CATV) is connected to the IN terminal on the rear of the VCR.

	① Press MENU. Select "CHANNEL PRESET" with ▲/▼ and then press SET.
	② Select "AIR" or "CATV" with ◀/▶ and then press ▼. <i>Ex.: AIR</i> • To watch cable TV after EZ Set Up, select "CATV", press SET.
	③ Set "CH SET" to "AUTO" with ◀/▶ and then press SET.
	④ The auto tuning will start. The channel display will count up and when finished, the screen returns to normal.

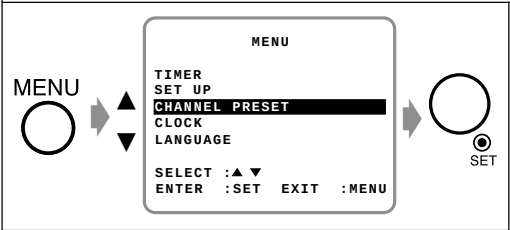
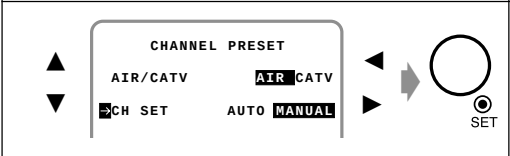
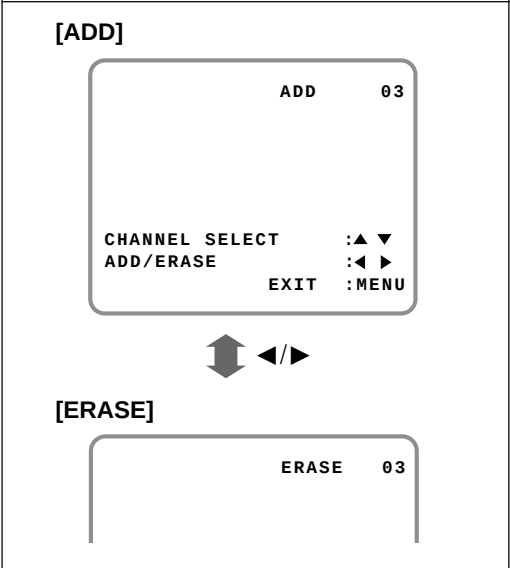
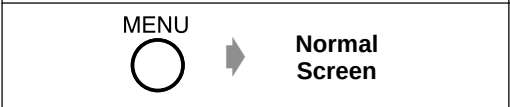
NOTE

- Automatic tuning will not start unless the arrow is at "CH SET-AUTO" position.
- If a button is not pressed within 3 minutes during the setting procedure, the screen will return to normal.
- If the power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds, AIR/CATV selection must be set again.
- Automatic tuning will be interrupted if **PLAY**, **REC** or **MENU** are pressed before the screen returns to normal.



Adding Channel Memory/Erasing Channel Memory

Use this function to manually add or erase channels to/from the memory.

① Select the channel to be added with the numbered buttons and the channel to be erased with the CH ▲/▼ or numbered buttons.	
	② Press MENU. Select "CHANNEL PRESET" with ▲/▼ and press SET.
	③ Select "CH SET" with ▲/▼ and then select "MANUAL" with ◀/▶. Then press SET.
[ADD]  [ERASE]	④ Select "ADD" if you want to add the channel memory or "ERASE" if you want to erase the channel memory with ◀/▶.
	⑤ Press MENU to return to the normal screen.

NOTE

- If the power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds, the channel memory may be erased. If this happens, reset the channels again and reset AIR/CATV selection.
- If a button is not pressed within 3 minutes during the setting procedure, the screen will return to normal.



Mode Selection

You can use the SET UP–selection screen to select the mode for basic features.

PREPARATION »»

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel. Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select “VCR” (VCR LED indicator will light up).

	① Press MENU. ② Select “SET UP” with ▲/▼ and then press SET.
	③ Set AUTO REPEAT mode to ON or OFF with ◀/▶. Then press ▼. (See Recorded Section Auto Repeat.) SAP and AUDIO OUTPUT are displayed only with Hi-Fi model. See the shaded area below.
	④ Set BLUE SCREEN mode to ON or OFF with ◀/▶. Then press ▼. (See Blue Screen Noise Elimination.)
	<i>(Only for Hi-Fi model)</i> ⑤ Set SAP (Separate Audio Programme) mode to ON or OFF with ◀/▶. Then press ▼. (See Recording MTS (Multi-channel TV sound) Broadcasts.)
	<i>(Only for Hi-Fi model)</i> ⑥ Set AUDIO OUTPUT mode to MONO, LR, L or R with ◀/▶. (See Audio Output Mode.)
	⑦ Press SET to enter. The screen returns to normal.

NOTE

- If you press **MENU** to exit the mode selection screen in Step ⑦, the data will not be stored. Be sure to press **SET** to store the data.
- SAP is used for bilingual broadcasting. Check your local broadcast station or cable company.



Playback

Inserting a Video Cassette

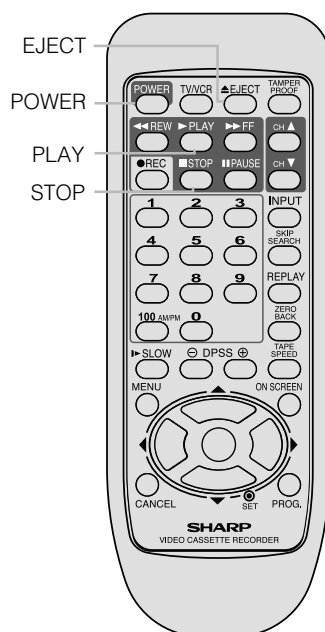
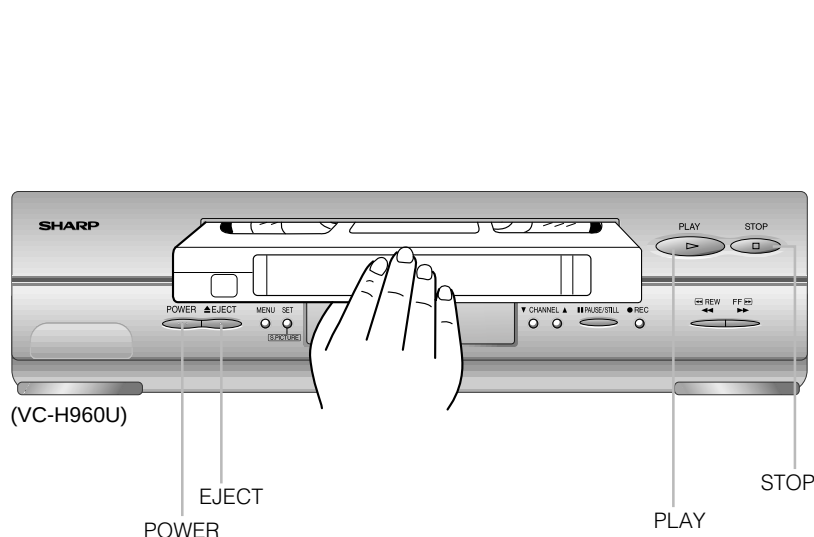
Gently insert the video cassette into the cassette compartment. The VCR turns on automatically and POWER LED indicator light up. If the cassette is inserted incorrectly, the loading system will not function. Do not force the cassette into the VCR.

To remove the cassette, press **EJECT** during stop mode.

Playback

PREPARATION ►►

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel.**)



PROCEDURE

- 1 Press **POWER** to turn on the VCR. The POWER LED indicator light up.
- 2 Insert a cassette.
- 3 Press **PLAY**. (The automatic tracking control system engages and "PLAY" flashes on the TV screen for a few seconds. See **Automatic Tracking Control System.**) VCR LED indicator will light up.
- 4 To stop playback, press **STOP**. (If the tape reaches its end, the VCR will automatically rewinds the tape to the beginning, turns its power off and ejects the tape.)

NOTE

- If noise should remain on the TV screen after tracking adjustment has been completed by the Automatic Tracking Control System, use the manual tracking mode.
- Press **CH ▲/▼** during playback mode to change to manual tracking mode. Adjust the tracking using **CH ▲/▼** until the noise is minimized or eliminated.
- For tapes recorded in EP on another VCR that still have vertical jitter even after manual adjustment, hold down **PLAY** for about 2 seconds. (On screen display may be blurred.) Ejecting the tape or turning off the power will return playback to its normal mode.

Notes for S-VHS tape

- Playback of S-VHS recorded tapes is possible.
- Playback of S-VHS image quality is not available.
- Picture noise or distortion may appear on the screen during playback in the SLOW or STILL mode.
- S-VHS recording is not available. However, HQ recording is possible with S-VHS tape.



Fast Forward and Rewind

- 1 When the VCR is in stop mode, press **FF** or **REW** to fast forward or rewind the cassette. (The picture cannot be viewed in this mode.)
- 2 Press **STOP** to halt fast forward or rewind.

NOTE

- The FF and REW speeds may be slower for cassette tapes other than T-60, T-90 or T-120.
- After rewinding the T-120 cassette tape for about 2 minutes, you can fast forward the cassette tape.

Video Search

Use the following procedure to quickly find the section you want, while viewing the picture.

- 1 During playback, press **FF** for forward video search or **REW** for reverse video search. There are 2 search speeds in each direction. The VCR switches between them each time the button is pressed.
- 2 Press **PLAY** to resume normal playback.

Slow Motion Playback (only with the remote control)

- 1 Press **SLOW** during playback.
- 2 Press **SLOW** $\oplus/\ominus$ (to the right of SLOW) to vary the slow motion playback speed between $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{30}$ of the normal playback speed.
If noise bars appear on the screen, use **CH** $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$.
If the picture experiences vertical jitter during the slow mode, set your VCR to the still mode and press **CH** $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$ to stabilize the picture. Then press **SLOW** again.
- 3 Press **PLAY** to resume normal playback.

Still Picture and Frame Advance

- 1 Press **PAUSE/STILL** during playback. This will freeze the picture on your TV.
- 2 If the picture vibrates vertically during still mode, use **CH** $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$ to adjust for minimum distortion. If noise bars appear on the screen during still mode, set your VCR to the slow mode and press **CH** $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$ to make the noise disappear. Then press **PAUSE/STILL** again.
- 3 Press **PAUSE/STILL** during still mode for frame advance.
- 4 Press **PLAY** again to resume normal playback.

NOTE

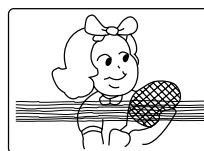
- Sound is muted during still picture, video search, frame advance and variable slow motion.
- The picture quality in still picture, video search, frame advance and variable slow motion is best with tapes recorded in SP or EP mode.

Automatic Tracking Control System

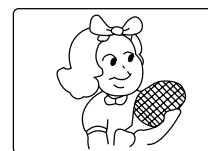
This function automatically adjusts the tracking to match the recorded tape. Auto tracking engages in the following cases:

- When you insert the cassette and begin playback.
- When you press **CH** $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$ at the same time.
- When the VCR has been playing back an unrecorded section of tape, and then reaches a recorded tape segment.

When auto tracking engages, "PLAY" on the TV screen flashes for a few seconds.



Poor Tracking



Normal Picture

Manual Tracking Control

When a poorly recorded tape is playback or the VCR is near an electrical or magnetic field, auto tracking may not operate normally. In this event, manually adjust the tracking with **CH** $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown$ to make any noise disappear.



Blue Screen Noise Elimination

Set the BLUE SCREEN mode to ON on the SET UP–selection screen. (See **Mode Selection**.) This function eliminates monitor noise and mutes sound during playback of unrecorded portions of a tape and when receiving a non-broadcasting channel. Blue Screen will also appear if the VCR is set to the Auxiliary mode but no video signal is fed to the VCR. (The BLUE SCREEN mode is set to ON at the factory.)

NOTE

- Blue Screen does not function during still picture, variable slow motion and video search.
- Blue Screen may not function properly if the broadcast signal is too strong or too weak.
- Blue Screen does not function during playback of a tape with noise recorded.
- If the antenna signal is weak while recording a TV programme or if the input signal is weak while tape dubbing, the monitor screen may turn blue since the unit may not recognize whether or not a proper signal is being received. In this event, set the BLUE SCREEN mode to OFF.

Quick Start with Full Loading Mechanism

Your VCR has a standby function (Full Loading Mechanism) to allow immediate recording and playback. After pressing **REC** or **PLAY**, it takes about 2 seconds until recording or playback is engaged when in the standby mode.

Full Automatic Playback

The Full Automatic Playback lets you enjoy playback with ease. When you insert a cassette with the erasure protection tab removed, your VCR automatically turns on the power and playback the tape. When the tape reaches its end, the VCR automatically rewinds the tape, turns its power off and ejects the tape.

NOTE

- If the erasure protection hole is covered, press **PLAY** after the power turns on automatically.

Only for Hi-Fi model

Audio Output Mode

Your VCR has 3 channels for audio recording (2 on the Hi-Fi track and 1 on the linear track). You can select the audio output channels in playback mode on the SET UP–selection screen. The following shows which audio channels will be heard when a stereo Hi-Fi video cassette is playback while a stereo system is properly connected to the VCR. (See **Mode Selection**.)

Hi-Fi **L** + **R** mode: **LR**

Normally, select Hi-Fi **L** + **R** mode on the SET UP–selection screen: both the left (L) and right (R) audio channels will be taken from the Hi-Fi audio track.

Normally you will not have to change to another mode.

(See **Recording MTS (Multi-channel TV Sound) Broadcasts**.)

Hi-Fi **L** mode: **L**

The left channel of the Hi-Fi audio track will be playback through both speakers.

Hi-Fi **R** mode: **R**

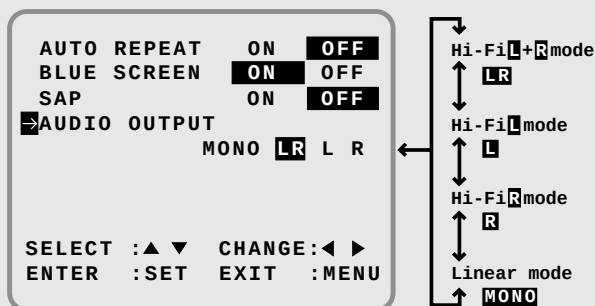
The right channel of the Hi-Fi audio track will be playback through both speakers.

Linear mode: **MONO**

The audio signal recorded on the linear audio track will be playback through both speakers.

NOTE

- When video cassettes recorded on a non-Hi-Fi VCR are playback or the Hi-Fi audio output level is poor, the audio signal recorded on the linear audio track will automatically be playback regardless of the audio output mode.





Recording a TV Programme

PREPARATION ►►

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel.**)
- Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select "VCR" (VCR LED indicator will light up).

Only for Hi-Fi model

- If necessary, set "SAP" on the SET UP-selection screen. (See **Mode Selection.**)

Without a Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver

- 1 Insert the cassette, with the erasure protection tab covered. (See **Cassette Erase Protection** below.)
- 2 Press **TAPE SPEED** on the remote control to set the recording speed (SP or EP). (See **Recording Speeds** below.)
- 3 Select the desired channel with **CH ▲/▼** or the numbered buttons on the remote control.
- 4 Press **REC**. The REC LED indicator light up (If the erasure protection tab has been removed, the cassette will be ejected.)
- 5 To stop recording, press **STOP**. The REC LED indicator will turn off.

* To pause recording during the REC mode, press **PAUSE/STILL** on the remote control (The REC LED indicator will flash). To resume recording, press **PAUSE/STILL** or **REC** and at the same time REC LED indicator will turn on. (Pause disengages automatically after about 5 minutes to avoid damage to the tape and the VCR and stop mode is engaged.)

With a Cable Box or Digital Satellite Receiver

- 1 Insert the cassette, with the erasure protection tab covered. (See **Cassette Erase Protection** below.)
- 2 Press **TAPE SPEED** on the remote control to set the recording speed (SP or EP). (See **Recording Speeds** below.)
- 3 Set the TV and VCR channels to output CH of cable box or digital satellite receiver.
- 4 Set the cable box or digital satellite receiver to the desired channel to record.
- 5 Press **REC**. The REC LED indicator light up (If the erasure protection tab has been removed, the cassette will be ejected.)
- 6 To stop recording, press **STOP**. The REC LED indicator will turn off.

NOTE ►

- You will be unable to watch a scrambled channel while recording.
- It is not necessary to set the clock to use this recording operation.
- "PAUSE" will flash on the TV screen if **PAUSE/STILL** is pressed in stop mode. Press **STOP** to disengage the pause mode or press **REC** to enter the record standby mode at the same time REC LED indicator will flash, then press **REC** or **PAUSE/STILL** button again to enter record. (The REC LED indicator will light up.)
- The VCR can record a TV programme even with the TV turned off.

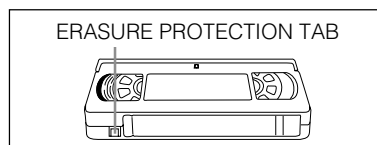
To Watch Another TV Programme While Recording

While recording, press **TV/VCR** to select "TV" (the VCR LED indicator will turn off to indicate TV mode), then select the programme you wish to view using the TV tuner.

At the end of the tape, your VCR will automatically stop recording, rewinds the tape, turns its power off and ejects the tape.

Cassette Erase Protection

A **VHS** cassette has a removable tab to prevent accidental erasure of recorded material. Removing the tab prevents recording. To record on a video cassette with the tab removed, place adhesive tape over the tab opening.



Recording Speeds

This VCR lets you select a recording speed (SP or EP). SP provides a better picture, although the recording time is shorter. Select the tape speed that best suits your needs.

NOTE ►

- This VCR can playback tapes recorded in LP (Long Play) mode.

MODE CASSETTE	SP (Standard Play)	EP (Extended Play)
T-60	1 hr.	3 hrs.
T-120	2 hrs.	6 hrs.
T-160	2 hrs. & 40 min.	8 hrs.



Only for Hi-Fi model

Recording Hi-Fi Stereo Sound

Your VCR records AUDIO signals on two types of audio tracks.

Hi-Fi:

Using specialized rotary heads, audio signals are recorded on the video track in FM format. Multi-sound broadcasts (Stereo or SAP [Separate Audio Programme]) are recorded on two channels.

Linear:

All audio signals are recorded in mono on the linear audio track.

NOTE

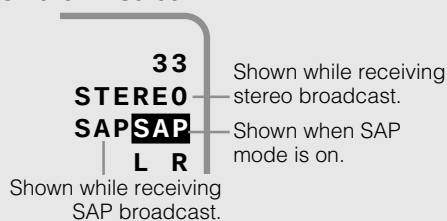
- Video cassettes recorded on a non-Hi-Fi VCR can also be playback. However, if the audio signals are recorded on two linear channels, stereo programmes will be playback in monaural and SAP (Separate Audio Programme) will be playback with both the MAIN and SAP audio mixed together.
- Video cassettes recorded on this VCR can be playback on a non-Hi-Fi VCR. However, only the linear track will be playback.

Recording MTS (Multi-channel TV Sound) Broadcasts

Your VCR can record stereo or SAP (Separate Audio Programme) broadcasts, where available.

If the broadcast is in stereo, the VCR automatically records the stereo sound in dynamic Hi-Fi. If the broadcast is in SAP, you can record both the MAIN and the SAP sound by using the SET UP-selection screen to set the SAP mode to ON. If the broadcast is in stereo/SAP, you can record either the SAP sound by using the SET UP-selection screen to set the SAP mode to ON, or stereo sound by setting the SAP mode to OFF. (See **Mode Selection**.)

On the TV screen



MTS/SAP RECORDING

* The monitor output listed in the table shows that the audio output mode is in the Hi-Fi  +  mode.

Broad-cast Re-ceived	SAP Mode Posi-tion	*Monitor Output		Recording		
		L- Speaker	R- Speaker	Hi-Fi L-CH	Hi-Fi R-CH	Linear Track
Stereo	OFF	L	R	L	R	L + R
	ON	L	R	L	R	L + R
SAP	OFF	MAIN	MAIN	MAIN	MAIN	MAIN
	ON	MAIN	SAP	MAIN	SAP	SAP
Stereo/ SAP	OFF	L	R	L	R	L + R
	ON	L + R	SAP	L + R	SAP	SAP

Monitor Output When Receiving a SAP Broadcast

When receiving a SAP broadcast, if the SAP position is set to ON, change the audio output mode to select Monitor Output (MAIN or SAP) with the SET UP-selection screen. (See **Mode Selection**.)

When enjoying a TV programme with MAIN sound:

Select  on the SET UP-selection screen. (See **Audio Output Mode**.)

When enjoying a TV programme with SAP sound:

Select  or **MONO** on the SET UP-selection screen. (See **Audio Output Mode**.)



Tape Dubbing Connection Instructions

Your VCR can dub (copy) video material from another video device. It can also output video and audio signals for recording on other video or audio equipment. Audio/Video dubbing cannot be done separately.

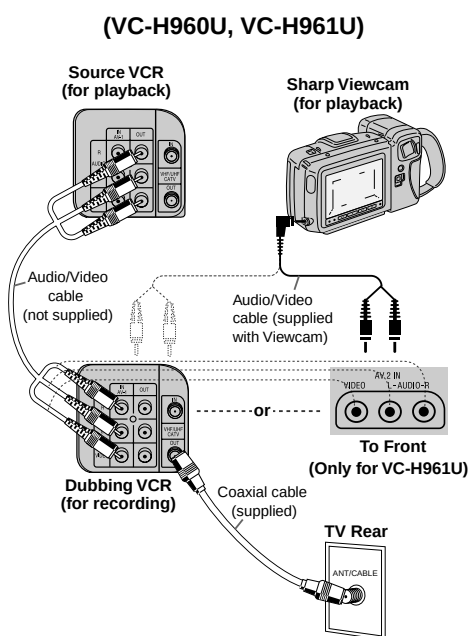
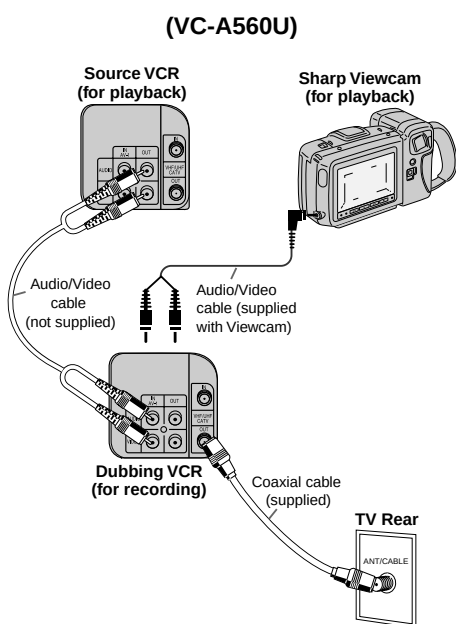
- 1 Switch your VCR to the auxiliary input by pressing **INPUT** on the remote control. (You can also use **CHANNEL ▲/▼** on the VCR or **CH ▲/▼** on the remote control.)
- 2 Begin recording on the dubbing VCR and playback on the source VCR simultaneously.

NOTE

- When using special playback functions (still picture, video search, frame advance and variable slow motion) during dubbing, a blue screen may appear.
Set BLUE SCREEN mode on the dubbing VCR (for recording) to OFF. (See **Mode Selection**.)
- To use the TV as a monitor while dubbing, press **TV/VCR** to "VCR" on the dubbing VCR.
- Use an RCA pin-type connection cable (not supplied with VCR, but supplied with VIEWCAM) to connect source VCR to dubbing VCR.
- Refer to the manual of the VCR connected to this unit when dubbing a tape.

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- If source VCR is a monaural mode, connect the audio cable to "AUDIO-L" of the dubbing VCR.





Simple Recording Timer

The Simple Recording Timer (SRT) enables you to set the recording stop time. The SRT can be set on the TV screen by using the remote control.

The SRT cannot be set if the clock has not been set. Make sure the clock is set before setting the SRT.

PREPARATION ►►

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel. (See **Setting the 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel.**)
- Insert a cassette with the erasure protection tab opening covered. Power will turn on automatically (POWER LED indicator will light up).
- Press **TV/VCR** to select "VCR" (VCR LED indicator will light up).

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- If necessary, set "SAP" on the SET UP-selection screen. (See **Mode Selection.**)

PROCEDURE ►

Example: Recording a TV programme in the SP mode. The programme is on Channel 2, ending at 9:50 AM. The present time is 8:43 AM.

	❶ Select the desired channel with the numbered buttons or CH ▲/▼. Ex.: Channel → 02
	❷ Set the recording speed (SP or EP) with TAPE SPEED on the remote control. Ex.: SP
	❸ Press REC to enter the recording mode (REC LED indicator will light up). Then, press REC again to enter the simple recording timer mode (TIMER LED indicator will light up). The recording stop time is displayed. Ex.: 8:50 AM
	❹ Each press of REC increases the stop time by 10 minutes. Ex.: 9:50 AM NOTE ► • The recording stop time will flash for a few seconds before the stop time is fixed.
❺ When the stop time comes, recording is finished and the power turns off.	

Changing the Contents of the Simple Recording Timer

- ❶ Press **REC**. The stop time flashes on the TV screen.
- ❷ Change the stop time as desired using **REC**.

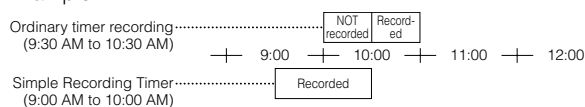
Cancelling the Simple Recording Timer

- ❶ Press **STOP**.

NOTE ►

- The Simple Recording Timer has priority over other recordings.
- Ordinary timer programmes will not be recorded when portions of the time setting of the simple recording timer and of the time setting of the ordinary timer recording overlap.

Example:





Recording with the Timer

PREPARATION >>>

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel.
- Insert a cassette with the erasure protection tab opening covered. Power will turn on automatically (POWER LED indicator will light up).
- Press **TV/VCR** to select "VCR" (VCR LED indicator will light up).
- Check that the clock is displaying the correct time.

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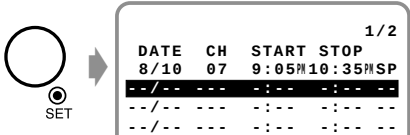
- If necessary, set "SAP" on the SET UP–selection screen. (See **Mode Selection.**)

PROCEDURE

Example: Recording a TV programme in the SP mode: the TV programme is on channel 7 starting at 9:05 PM and stopping at 10:35 PM on August 10th. The present time is 6:35 PM on August 10th.

	① Press PROG.. The Timer screen will appear and then press SET.
	② Select the desired month/day (DATE) with ▲/▼ and then press ►. The cursor will move to the next column. <i>Ex.: August 10th</i> • If you want to record every day or week at the same time, hold ▼ when you select the date. When pressing: The recording date changes in this sequence: ▼ 8/10→MO→FR→MO→SA→DAILY→SAT→SUN→8/9→8/8-- (next year) ▲ 8/10 → 8/11 → 8/12 → 8/8 → 8/9 → SUN → SAT → (present) (tomorrow) (next year)
	③ Select the desired channel with ▲/▼ and then press ►. <i>Ex.: Channel 07</i>
	④ Set the recording start time (hour digits and minute digits) with ▲/▼ and then press ►. <i>Ex.: 9:05 PM</i> Press the AM/PM (100) to select AM or PM.
	⑤ Set the recording stop time with ▲/▼ and then press ►. <i>Ex.: 10:35 PM</i>
	⑥ Select the tape speed with ▲/▼. <i>Ex.: SP</i>



	⑦ Press SET. •To programme the additional timer settings, press SET and repeat steps ②–⑦.
	⑧ Press MENU to finish settings. The display shown to the left appears on the screen for 5 seconds, after which the normal screen returns.
	⑨ Press POWER to enter the timer standby mode. Be sure that the TIMER LED indicator light up.

NOTE

- If the power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds (power failure, etc.) during timer recording, the Auto Clock Setting will reset the time after the power is returned (the POWER LED indicator will flash) but the timer settings will be cancelled.
- Numbered buttons can be used instead of ▲/▼ to set the data.
- If the cassette ends before recording all the programmes, the VCR will stop, turns its power off and ejects the tape automatically.
- In Step ⑨, if **POWER** is pressed with no cassette inserted, the TIMER LED indicator flashes for 5 seconds indicating that timer recording is not possible.
- In Step ⑨, if the inserted cassette is without the erasure protection tab, TIMER LED indicator flashes and the cassette is ejected.
- To stop timer recording, press **STOP**.
- If a button is not pressed within 3 minutes during the setting procedure, the screen will return to the normal screen.
- There are two timer setting screens (1/2, 2/2).



Confirming Timer Programmes

You can see on the Timer setting screen a list of all timer programmes that are already set.

PREPARATION >>>

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel.
- Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select “VCR” (VCR LED indicator will light up).

	① Press PROG.. TIMER screen will appear. • Check the information displayed.
	② If you want to correct the data, select the data to be changed with ▲/▼ and then press SET. Correct the data as desired using ▲/▼/◀/▶. Then press SET. See 2/2 screen also.
	③ Pressing MENU will clear the screen. The display shown to the left appears for 5 seconds, after which the normal screen returns. • After checking or correcting the programme contents, press POWER to enter the Timer Standby mode. (At the same time, TIMER LED indicator will light up.)

Cancelling Timer Programmes

Perform the following procedure to cancel timer programmes that have already been set.

PREPARATION >>>

- Turn on the TV and select the video channel.
- Press **POWER** (POWER LED indicator will light up) and then **TV/VCR** to select “VCR” (VCR LED indicator will light up).

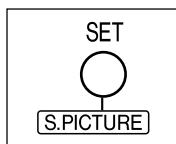
	① Press PROG.. TIMER screen will appear. • Select the programme you wish to cancel with ▲/▼.
	② Double-check that it is the programme you wish to cancel and press CANCEL. It will be cleared on the screen.
	③ Pressing MENU will clear the screen. The display shown to the left appears for 5 seconds, after which the normal screen returns. • If there are still some programmes set, press POWER to enter the Timer Standby mode. (At the same time, TIMER LED indicator will light up.) • If you press MENU when all of the timer programmes are cancelled, the screen will return to normal.



Sharp Super Picture

This function creates clearer picture quality only during playback.

S. PICTURE ON



Press **S. PICTURE** on the VCR.

"S.PICTURE ON (or OFF)" will appear on the TV screen for a few seconds. Each time the button is pressed, the mode switches between ON and OFF. (The Sharp Super Picture is preset to ON at the factory.)

ON:

Normally leave the mode set to ON. This high picture quality function will create a clearer image during playback.

OFF:

Set to OFF when playing back a tape on the VCR while editing or when strong noise appears on the screen.

NOTE

- This function only operates during playback. It will not operate when recording or watching a TV programme with the VCR tuner.
- **When playing S-VHS tape**
 1. Sharp Super Picture is set to off automatically. When finished playback, the setting will return to the previous setting.
 2. You cannot change ON/OFF setting manually.
- The ON/OFF status of the Sharp Super Picture can be checked when **ON SCREEN** is pressed to display OSD.
- This function cannot be set to ON/OFF with the MENU screen displayed. First close the MENU screen before operating this function.
- When the VCR power is turned off, the Sharp Super Picture setting is retained in memory.
- If power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds (power failure, etc.), the setting will return to ON.



Recorded Section Auto Repeat

Set the AUTO REPEAT mode to ON on the SET UP selection screen. (See **Mode Selection**.) If the recorded portion has finished and a non-recorded portion has continued for 15 seconds, the tape will automatically stop, rewind to the beginning and repeat playback. (The AUTO REPEAT mode is preset to OFF at the factory.)

PLAY

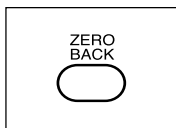
NOTE

- The ON/OFF status of the Recorded Section Auto Repeat can be checked when **ON SCREEN** is pressed to display OSD. (The "Q" mark lights when the Recorded Section Auto Repeat is on.)
- If the Recorded Section Auto Repeat is on and the tape is rewinded to the beginning with rewind or reverse video search, the tape will automatically start playback.



Auto Zero Back

This function automatically forwards or rewinds the cassette to the "0:00.00" point. Use this function to return to a recording start point.



PROCEDURE

1. Reset the counter to "0:00.00" with **CANCEL** before recording.
2. Press **REC** to start recording (REC LED indicator will light up).
3. After recording the desired programme, press **STOP** to stop recording (REC LED indicator will turn off).
4. Press **ZERO BACK** to return to the recording start point (0:00.00).

NOTE

- During Auto Zero Back, if the VCR rewinds (or fast forwards) the tape all the way without finding the "0:00.00" point, it will stop at the beginning (or end) of the tape.
- The counter start point "0:00.00" may differ slightly from the starting point on the tape.
- This function is not operable during recording, recording pause, simple recording timer or timer recording.

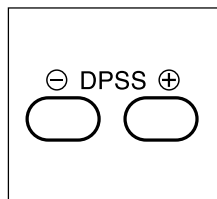
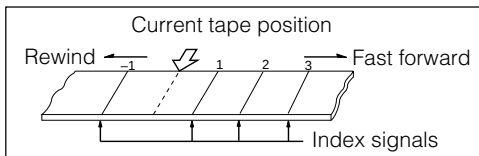


DPSS (Digital Programme Search System)

You can quickly locate a desired section of the tape with this feature.

Index Signal

An index signal is automatically recorded on the tape at the start of ordinary recording, simple recording timer and timer recording.



PROCEDURE

- 1 Insert a tape containing index signals.
- 2 Select the index number of the desired programme with **DPSS** $\ominus/\oplus$ on the remote control.
 - With each press of the button, the number changes. One of 19 programmes can be selected in either direction (one of up to 38 programmes).
 - (Ex.: DPSS 3=Third programme after the current one.)

On the TV screen



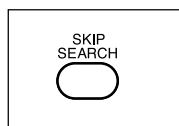
- 3 Search starts immediately when you press **DPSS** $\ominus/\oplus$. (When a signal is located, the displayed number decreases.)
- 4 When the selected section is found, playback begins automatically.

NOTE

- DPSS may not work if recordings are too close (within 3 minutes of each other).
- Press **PLAY** or **STOP** to cancel DPSS.
- If the tape reaches its end or beginning before locating the desired point, DPSS is cancelled.
- DPSS may not function for damaged or worn tapes.
- DPSS cannot be used with tapes that contain no index signals.
- The starting point of a programme may vary slightly.
- DPSS does not operate during the slow, record, timer stand-by, and timer recording modes, or when there is no cassette loaded.
- Index signals for DPSS cannot be entered manually.



Skip Search



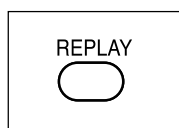
With this feature, you can set a forward video search time to approx. 30, 60, 90 or 120 seconds of recorded material. After searching, normal playback will resume automatically.

- Press **SKIP SEARCH** on the remote control during playback (ex. during commercials).

Number of Times Pressed	1 Time	2 Times	3 Times	4 Times
Video Search Time	Approx. 30 sec.	Approx. 60 sec.	Approx. 90 sec.	Approx. 120 sec.



Instant Replay



With this feature, you can set a reverse video search time to approx. 20, 40, 60, or 80 seconds of recorded material. After searching, normal playback will resume automatically.

- Press **REPLAY** on the remote control during playback.

Number of Times Pressed	1 Time	2 Times	3 Times	4 Times
Video Search Time	Approx. 20 sec.	Approx. 40 sec.	Approx. 60 sec.	Approx. 80 sec.



Tamper Proof

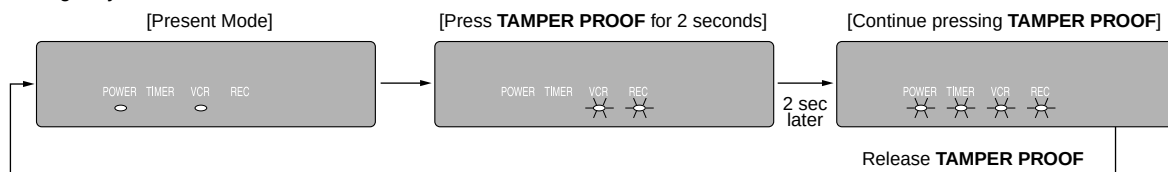


With this feature, you can lock all VCR modes to prevent accidental change. This function works even when the VCR power is off, thus preventing children from operating the VCR or viewing select programmes while you are away from home.

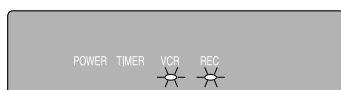
Tamper Proof

- 1 Press **TAMPER PROOF** on the remote control for about 2 seconds. VCR and REC LED indicator will flash for about 2 seconds then all four POWER, TIMER, VCR and REC LED indicator will flash to show the Tamper Proof has been activated. POWER, TIMER, VCR and REC LED indicator will flash until the **TAMPER PROOF** is released.

During Playback



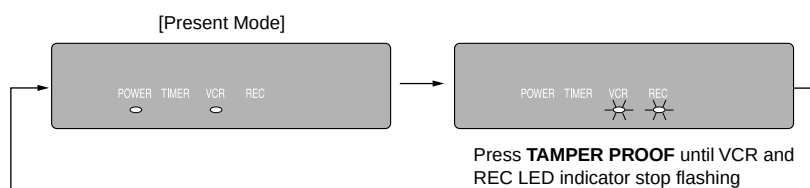
- 2 Now regardless of what other operating buttons are touched, VCR and REC LED indicator will flash rapidly and the VCR will continue to operate in the present mode.



Disengaging Tamper Proof

- Press **TAMPER PROOF** on the remote control for about 2 seconds. VCR and REC LED indicator will flash for about 2 seconds and then disappear. Now, Tamper Proof is disengaged.

During Playback



NOTE

- If power is interrupted for more than 5 seconds (power failure, etc.), Tamper Proof may disengage.
- If Tamper Proof is activated, you attempt to change modes by pressing any buttons, VCR and REC LED indicator will flash.



Specifications

Format: VHS NTSC Standard
Video Recording System: Rotary Two-Head Helical Scanning
Number of Video Heads: 4
Video Signal Standard: NTSC Colour System
Audio Recording System: 1 Stationary Head for Linear Audio
2 Rotary Heads for Hi-Fi stereo (Only for Hi-Fi model)
Tape Width: 12.7 mm (1/2 inch)
Tape Speed: (SP) 33.35 mm/sec (1.31 i.p.s.)
(LP) 16.67 mm/sec (0.66 i.p.s.) (playback only)
(EP) 11.12 mm/sec (0.44 i.p.s.)
Maximum Recording Time: (SP) 160 min (T-160)
(EP) 480 min (T-160)
Channel Coverage: VHF 2–13
UHF 14–69
CATV 1–125
Antenna Input: 75 Ohm
Video Input: 0.5 to 2.0 Vp-p, 75 Ohm unbalanced
Video Output: 1.0 Vp-p, 75 Ohm unbalanced
Audio Input: –8 dBs, 47 kOhm unbalanced (0 dBs = 0.775 Vrms)
Audio Output: –8 dBs, 1 kOhm unbalanced (0 dBs = 0.775 Vrms)
Hi-Fi Audio (Only for Hi-Fi model)
Dynamic Range: 90 dB
Frequency Response: 20 Hz–20 kHz
Memory Backup: 5 seconds
Operating Temperature: 5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)
Storage Temperature: –20°C to 60°C (–4°F to 140°F)
Power Source: 120 V AC, 60 Hz
Power Consumption: 14 W
Dimensions (approx.): 360 (W) × 92 (H) × 232 (D) mm
(14-3/16" × 3-5/8" × 9-9/64")
Weight (approx.): 2.3 kg (5.1 lbs)

NOTE

- Hi-Fi model: VC-H960U, VC-H961U
- Specifications are subject to change without notice.



Troubleshooting

Check this list before calling for service.

Problem	Possible Cause/Solutions
• NO OPERATION WHEN ANY BUTTON IS PRESSED.	• MAKE SURE THAT THE "TAMPER PROOF" MODE IS NOT ENGAGED (VCR and REC LED indicator will light up).
• No power.	• Make sure the power cord is plugged in. • Check the outlet, fuse or circuit breaker.
• VCR does not receive CATV channels.	• Use the CHANNEL PRESET screen to change from AIR mode to CATV. (See Setting the Channels.)
• VCR does not operate.	• Turn on the power. • Press EJECT several times. • Safety device in VCR is functioning. Unplug VCR and plug it in again after a few minutes.
• VCR does not record.	• Cassette erasure protection tab is removed. Use a different cassette or place adhesive tape over the tab opening. • Check for a cassette loaded in the unit.
• No colour or poor TV picture during normal viewing.	• Make sure the "TV" has been selected by pressing TV/VCR . • Make sure all cables are connected properly.
• No tape movement.	• Make sure the VCR is not in PAUSE/STILL mode. • Make sure the tape has not reached the end or beginning.
• No picture appears during playback.	• Make sure the TV is set to the same channel as the VCR's 3 ↔ 4 Output Channel. • Check all connecting cables.
• Cassette cannot be loaded.	• Make sure there is no other cassette inside. • Make sure the cassette is properly positioned and reinsert. • Make sure the "TAMPER PROOF" mode is not engaged.
• Timer recording does not work.	• Power failure may have occurred.
• Noise appears on the screen when the automatic tracking control system is operating.	• Adjust the tracking manually by pressing CH ▲/▼ . • In some cases, with a worn or damaged tape, noise cannot be eliminated completely.
• Cannot record a signal through the rear external input jack.	• The VCR may not be set to external input mode. Press INPUT to set the VCR to external input mode. (See Tape Dubbing.)
• Picture or sound is not stable during playback.	• Keep your VCR away from electrical and magnetic appliances. Be sure to position your VCR at least 8" away from your TV or video monitor.
• "DEW"	• See page 2 for information.
• If remote control fails to operate.	• See page 8 for information.
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• Stereo TV puts out monaural sound only, even when cassettes recorded in Hi-Fi stereo are playback.	• Use RCA pin type connection cables (not the supplied coaxial cable) to connect the TV to the VCR, and set the TV to external video input mode. • Adjust the tracking or try another Hi-Fi stereo cassette.
• Cassettes recorded in stereo mode are not playback in stereo.	• Make sure the sound was recorded in Hi-Fi stereo. (Any stereo signals recorded on the linear track will not be playback in stereo.)

This unit is equipped with a microprocessor. Its performance could be adversely affected by external electrical noise or interference. If this should happen, unplug the VCR and plug it in again after a few minutes and reset EZ Set Up for AIR/CATV operation.



Service Information

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LCD Projector	1 year	(lamp 90 days)
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